

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Oh, thank you, Senator Withem, because I wasn't quite sure, it didn't seem to me that this had anything to do with university and state colleges or whatever, this whole bill. And thank you for explaining that. I would like to say one thing about the concern about university professors, or state college professors, and people who take trips which are study trips, or teaching trips, and so on, as a sabbatical, when they are paid only their regular salary. Many of them do take sabbaticals in different countries which have to do with the discipline that they teach at the university or at the state college. It's very valuable to them, and also they bring a value back to the institution where they teach, or if they're doing research, the same things apply. Most of them do it on a shoestring. And they work it out, if they can take their family, they have to work all of their finances out so the family can live for a year. I know of many people who have done that, and they have brought back valuable knowledge, research, all kinds of educational values that help the university as an institution, that help their teaching profession, that help the students, the faculty, that help our state. So I would be apprehensive of trying to include in this particular bill anything like that that would add to their burden of reporting and so on. I'm glad to have Senator Withem explain that this really is not pertinent, so now I can vote against it. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Seeing no further lights, Senator Lynch, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LYNCH: Senator Withem might be right. But I understand sometimes lobbyists, and I think there are 600 and some in Nebraska, deal with bureaucrats other than just politicians. The possibility exists they deal with purchasing agents, or maybe even arrange sabbaticals for teachers or others, or, in fact, staff of agencies. I think they do have to report, or should report some of those things. And I understand and I appreciate very much Ron's understanding, and I also understand Senator Crosby's concerns. However, everything Senator Crosby said is exactly what you hear from every politician, isn't it? When you make a trip to a seminar, or to a conference, or to a convention you say we're doing this because this is really in the best interest of all us taxpayers, and we're going to pick